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New Greek Stamp Lacks Color Found In Others Of Series

A first glance at the sheets of the new Flag Stamp for Greece put on sale at Washington on October 12th, Columbus Day, brings disappointment for this is the first of the series that really looks like a flop due to the pale blue of the Greek flag, which gives the entire stamps a lifeless appearance.

However when one looks the sheets over and gives them a close examination under a glass there is something that shows up that again brings up a question as to the method of printing.

When we were first shown the double printed word NORWAY on the recent Norway stamp and without any trace of doubling in the red of the flag we were puzzled as to how such a variety could happen and felt that there were but two ways in which it might come about. Either by a double transfer to the lithographic plate of the word Norway which would be transferred to the plate separately from the flag or that the word Norway would be printed separately from the flag. This latter way is the most improbable, yet when we examined this new Greece stamp we were intrigued by the fact that the depth of color in the word GREECE is much more intense, making it appear as a darker blue than that in the flag, thus again the thought that the words under the flag may have been printed separate from the flag.

Careful examination with a strong glass soon dispelled this thought for the reason that it can be seen that the solids of the flag are not solids but appear to be a stipple effect which lightens the color as a whole in the finished print.

The Greek stamps show the invert "T" register mark at top of the sheet only.

We do not think anyone will dispute our statement that this Greece Flag Stamp is the least interesting and attractive of all the bright colors that has made of the issue thus far, for it lacks the previous stamps so attractive.

Incidentally, there are but four more of these stamps to come, when the series will be completed. The stamp for Yugoslavia is next on October 26th, that for Albania on November 9th and this will be the only flag which has an emblem on it, besides the bars or stripes of color. On November 23, Austria, and the last stamp will be for Denmark on December 7th.

Collectors who send in for all of these stamps at one time, for first day cover service from Washington must carefully mark each envelope with number of stamps to be placed on envelope and with name of the country else any mixup may be your own fault.

The Luxembourg Double Printing

When the double print of the word NORWAY was pictured in a recent issue, word came from Dr. H. A. Davis, secretary of the APS in Denver, Colorado, that a similar double print of the word LUXEMBOURG had been found there on a stamp with that flag. The original information given us and which we printed stated that only the word was double as in the Norway stamp but a card has come from Dr. Davis in which he now states that the doubling also shows in the blue of the flag.

Indianan Finds Booklet Pane Freak

This badly-mauled booklet pane was discovered by reader Joseph Bativin, East Chicago, Ind., who wants to know if it can be considered part perforate. The perforations are in order; it is the error in cutting that makes the pane freakish. Instead of slicing along the imperforate gutter, the knife slipped to one side and chopped off part of the next pane, too. The entire pane is shown here enlarged 50 per cent. Such items are of little monetary value.

ESSAY-PROOF MEETING SET

The new Essay and Proof Society will hold an organization meeting at the Collector's Club, New York City, on October 27. Clarence W. Brazer, 415 Lexington ave., is acting as temporary secretary.

Merritt Brundige Moves To Albany

Word is at hand from J. Merritt Brundige who has been located at Cambridge, N. Y. with his business for some time past, that he has moved to his Albany, N. Y. offices and expects to be there for the duration. This is due to gas and fuel rationing restrictions. Mr. Brundige has been a quite regular user of our advertising columns and has featured the British Jubilee stamps quite extensively. His prices and offerings are usually about the most reliable that can be found as a result of his extensive handling of the stamps. A careful watch of his prices will keep any collector in line with advancing prices on these stamps and some sets have shown such recent advances. Both the African sets have taken a jump while Mauritius was advanced some time ago.

Cachet Service Offered For 'Stamp Week' Covers

"First day cover" service for International Philatelic Week is offered collectors by Fred W. Peters, chairman of the committee on seals. All stamped, self-addressed envelopes sent to Mr. Peters at 5249 W. Patterson st., Chicago 41, Ill., will be mailed with a special free sticker-cachet on Nov. 7, first day of the stamp week.

Lineup Of Prexies At Ferndale Season-Opener

Ferndale, Mich., Stamp club was host to over 50 members and guests at its first meeting of the season. Benjamin Dworkowski, Detroit, exhibited his collection of France, and told of some of the experiences he has had in his 60 years as a collector.

Six presidents of Detroit metropolitan stamp clubs attended the meeting: Mr. Quinn, of the Detroit Precancel Club; Mr. Mueller, Detroit Edison Stamp club; Mr. E. Smith, Ann Arbor Stamp Club; Mr. Brooks, Wayne Stamp Club, Mr. Langworthy, Grosse Point Stamp Club; and Mr. W. Guibord, Peninsular State Philatelic Society.

The Ferndale group convenes in the high school cafeteria on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at 8 p. m.

—Franklin Dunn

New Zealand Planning Post-War 'Victory' Set

Consideration is being given to a proposed series of "victory" or "peace" stamps in New Zealand after the war, according to information received from H. M. Garrick Jr., of Christchurch, New Zealand.

When the idea was submitted to Prime Minister P. Fraser by F. W. Doidge, M. P., Mr. Garrick writes, the Prime Minister replied that plans for a current war series had been shelved because of local material shortages, but that arangements can be started now for a post-war "victory" set.

New Canada Handbook Is Written By Boggs

"Canada, A Handbook for Collectors," by Winthrop S. Boggs, will be ready soon, the Chambers Publishing Co. announces.

Boggs has been at work on the book for the past year and a half, doing no other philatelic writing during that time. The publisher states that more than $2500 has already been spent on photographs and engravings for the new volume.

Calendar For Overrun Nations Stamps

Country	Date of Issue	First Day City	Covers Canceled	Stamps Sold	Face Value
Poland	June 22	Washington	136,002	1,053,011	$52,650.55
		Chicago	88,170		
Czechoslav	July 12	Washington	145,112	617,801	30,890.05
Norway	July 27	Washington	130,054	627,927	31,396.35
Luxemburg	Aug. 10	Washington	166,367	552,749	27,637.45
Netherland	Aug. 24	Washington	148,763	537,720	26,886.00
Belgium	Sept. 14	Washington	154,220	519,859	25,992.95
France	Sept. 28	Washington	163,478	500,921	25,046.05
Greece	Oct. 12	Washington	—	—	—
Yugoslav	Oct. 26	Washington	—	—	—
Albania	Nov. 9	Washington	—	—	—
Austria	Nov. 23	Washington	—	—	—
Denmark	Dec. 7	Washington	—	—	—

Nicarauga Volcano Stamp Helped French Engineer Win Struggle To Route Canal Through Panama

By CLARENCE W. ALVORD

(Condensed from the New York Times of 1925

Recently a news item, sent out from Nicaragua, informed the world that the double crater of the Ometepec volcano was in violent eruption. The American public received the announcement calmly, having learned to expect periodic seismic phenomena, physical or political, in the countries to the southward. But some readers, well-informed in the history of the last few decades, may have been reminded of a dramatic episode in the history of the isthmian canal, when the choice between the Nicaragua and Panama routes turned on the issue of volcanoes.

Probably the writer would have paid little attention to the news item, had he not, a few days earlier, listened to the story in which were so strangely intertwined the manifest destiny of America, volcanic eruptions, and a postage stamp. The narrator was a dynamic Frechman, who unrolled the successive acts of the drama of which he was himself an important protagonist.

Around 1900, Phillipe Bunau-Varilla was a well-known figure in Washington. He was beloved by a few for his championship of the much lauded Nicaraguan route. For the final denouement he was in no slight degree responsible.

For three hours I listened to his story of that struggle which he, almost alone, waged against the hostility or apathy of the French Panama Company, the prejudices of the Americans, the attacks of those pledged to the Nicaraguan scheme, and the chicanery of the politicians of Colombia.

From the beginning he was connected with the French enterprise to dig the Panama Canal and for four years he held the post of chief engineer.

U. S. Interested

America's interest in a canal across the isthmus dates from 1826, he said, and was intensified by the Clayton-Bulwer treaty with England in 1850, when both countries expressed their preference for the route across Nicaragua. At a date almost as early France had turned her attention to the need of a canal connecting the two oceans; but, from the first, her engineers had determined that Panama afforded the better locality for that great engineering feat.

The preference of Americans became a fixed idea when a commission, appointed by President Grant to investigate and select the most available location, unanimously sanctioned the choice of Nicaragua.

For almost a generation nothing occurred to change the current of American prejudices.

When the Spanish-American War and the long voyage of the Oregon around South America revived interest in the need of an interoceanic connection, press and political parties alike quickly responded to the long-fostered sentimen by demanding immediate construction of the Nicaragua Canal.

Senate Acts Quickly

The senate lost no time in giving expression to public will. A new isthmian canal commission was formed to study all phases of the question and in particular the merits of the routes by Nicaragua and Panama.

M. Bunau-Varilla met in Paris

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Hellenic Phil. Society Issues Novel F. D. C. For Greek Flag Stamp

A most unusual and striking cachet for a first day cover of the new Greek Flag stamp comes from the Hellenic Philatelic Society of America. They have made a large drawing based on the design of the first "Mercury" head stamps of Greece and have placed the name of the Society in the border panels surrounding the head. In the upper left corner is a minature of the first Penny stamp of Great Britain while in the upper right corner is a picture of the 10c U. S. of the 1847 issue. The whole has been made into a halftone cut and printed in brown and makes a very appropriate first day cover for this new stamp. Our thanks to the society for a copy of this cover.

Other first day covers are that beautiful engraved cover from Mr. Grimsland, and that special home made linoleum block printing from Kenneth Hinson. Others will doubtless come in a later mail.

Fighting Men Shown

Commemorating the liberation of Tunisia, this new semi-postal shows helmeted heads of a British Tommy, a French-Tunsisian soldier, and a Yank fighter. The Tunisian stamp is perforated 12¼ x11¾, lithographed in scarlet.

Many Exhibits Shown At Trans-Miss. Meet

U. S., Latin-American, and British showings proved most popular at the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society's tenth anniversary convention-exhibition, held October 1-3 at Omaha.

Julius M. Westphal, Joliet, Illl., entered twenty frames of his grand 19th Century British Volonials, and won the grand award of the exhibition.

Lee H. Cornell, Wichita, had eight frames of his "Kicking Mule" cancellation items. This display attracted much attention and comment and won first award in the specialty class.

Edw. K. Stockfeld, Omaha, new T. M. P. S. president, entered his U. S. regular postal issues, and won the Julius M. Westphal trophy cup, which was restricted to members of the Omaha chapter, and also first award in the U. S. section.

Dr. Clarence Hennan, Chicago, sent selections of 19th Century material from ten Latin American countries.

J. W. Jones, showed eight frames of his most prized Civil war Patriotic covers. These were the types portraying famous military and political leaders of the North.

Ira Abeldgard, Oxford, Kansas, had seven frames of his magnificient "Black Jacks."

—J. F. McGee

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Precancel NEWS

BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

Arkansas

..Due to the efforts of Woodrow L. Hodges, Rt. 3, Box 81 Little Rock, Ark., an interest in Arkansas precancels is being revived. Already the second number of a mimeographed bulletin has appeared and plans are under way to form an Arkansas precancel club. Mr. Hodges has compiled a list of towns for the state that is right up to date and contains over 160 listings. Arkansas has always been a rather difficult state to get anything from, except, a few of the larger cities, and no doubt collectors will welcome this new activity.

Iowa

Hoover Bros. have appointed Paul Bowden, 180 Gen. Council Bluffs, Iowa, as their new state editor. All matters pertaining to listings for the Iowa catalog should be taken up directly with the editor. We understand that Mr. Bowden will be glad to swap Iowas with collectors and pass out any information that he might have to help in your collection.

Canal Zone.

Cristobal is the only town I have seen from the Zone using precancels, although there may be others. Four types have been used and I had not seen them described before until I noted the following in a recent auction list: Type 1, Small square Gothic letters between lines 10mm apart; Type 2, same but printed, lines 11 mm apart; Type 3, handstamp, shaded serifed caps between lines 14mm; apart; Type 4, same, but printed, lines 15½mm apart. I have never seen anything but type 1, but of course I have never looked very hard for them.

Narrow Bureau

Hoovers announce three cities that have released the 1c narrow presidential burea (371) — San Jose, St. Paul, and Philadelphia.

Two Publications.

Several members have written us in regard to the membership roster, and the Patriotic Cover Catalog which Mr. Linn is editing. These are two separate publications—each independent of the other. If you desire (and you can't collect patriotics intelligently with out it), send $1 to Mr. Linn immediately for the catalog.

The roster will be distributed to each member at no extra charge. Your membership dues will pay for your copy.

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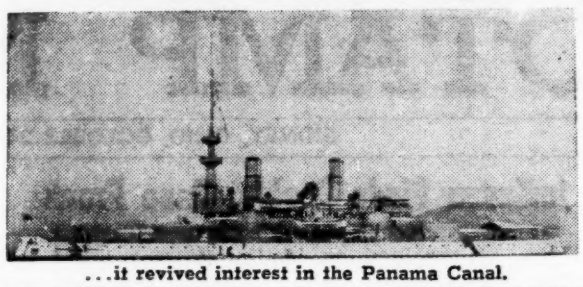

...it revived interest in the Panama Canal.

PANAMA CANAL ROUTE HELPED BY STAMP

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some of the members of the new commission, men of high technical knowledge, and impressed them with his arguments outlining what be esteemed to be the greater feasibility of the Panama route. But the commission, in a urelimi-nary report issued in November 1900, gave preference to Nicaragua, as had its predecessors in 1852, 1876, and 1899.

Meanwhile, the isthmian canal commission was conducting negotiations with the French Panama Company, which through inertness and shilly-shallying, created an impression of trifling; so that, in the final report of 1901, the Americans declared against Panama, although there was a minority report written by an eminet engineer, George Morrison, which set forth arguments in favor of the more southerly route.

Price Too High

The stumbling block was the hesitancy of the French company to fix a reasonable price. Bunau-Varilla was forced to carry his campaign to France, where, by publicity, he wrung from the company the required action.

The offer of the French company to sell its right and property for 40 million dollars altered the balance somewhat. The Isthmian Canal commission annulled its previous vote and recommended the adoption of Panama. Senator Spooner immediately embodied the recommendation in a bill for the construction of the Panama Canal, provided the French rights could be bought and a satisfactory treaty with Colombia could be made.

And now we come to a new phase.

Nations like to make their postage stamps representative of their land. It was this natural desire on the part of Nicaragua that threw victory to its rival.

Pointed Out Danger

From the beginning of the campaign M. Bunau-Varilla had pointed out the danger lurking in destructive volcanoes in Nicaragua; but even experts were inclined to be skeptical, while defenders of the northerly route regarded the argument to be quite as dead as they considered the volcanoes.

But the unexpected happened. On May 6, 1902, occurred the eruption of Mont Pelee and the destruction of the city of St. Pierre, Martinique. The attention of the American public was instantly arrested. Nicaragua had been created by volcanoes and many craters were known to be still active. As late as 1883 Mount Ometepec, which dominated an island in Lake Nicaragua, had broken out in violent eruption.

On the other hand, in Panama there is "within a distance of 180 miles from the canal, no volcano, not even extinct."

Here was a powerful reason for giving up the idea of a canal at Nicaragua, a reason greatly enforced May 14 by another eruption, that of Mount Momotombo. Volcanoes dominated the senate debate upon the Spooner bill.

News Declared False

While debate was on a cablegram from the president of Nicaragua declared the news about the recent eruption was false, and the Nicaragua minister asserted that Nicaragua had had no volcanic eruptions since 1835.

The time for the vote was near at hand. Bunau-Varilla's quick wit hit upon the very best of expedients. Nicaraguo denied volcanoes. Nicaragua must furnish the proof. He rushed around to the postage stamp dealers in Washington and purchased the 1900 issue of Nicaraguan stamps in sufficient number so that each of the senators might be sent a sample below which he wrote:

"An official witness of the volcanic activity of Nicaragua."

The picture on the stamp showed Mount Momotombo in eruption, the same volcano whose activity had been denied and near the base of which the proposed canal was to pass. It was explained to the senate that March 24, 1902, the wharf in the foreground of the picture was thrown into the lake by an earthquake following the eruption.

Immediately on seeing the stamp Senator Gallinger asked whether the senate could in reason vote to begin "this colossal work in a country which had taken as its emblem on its postage stamp a volcano in eruption." The senate, June 19 1902, passed the Spooner bill by a majority of eight. By means of the same argument the opposition in the house was overcome, and June 29 President Roosevelt signed the bill.

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AIR MAIL COVERS

SAMUEL S. GOLDSTICKER, JR. (Dept Ed.)
453 Mt. Prospect Avenue Newark 4, N. J.

FLASH—Just as I sat down to write this column, I received a telegram telling that the Schenectady (N. Y.) airport will be rededicated on October 31st. A special cachet will be applied to all covers. Rush covers to Richard O. Bush, 330 McClellan Avenue, Schenectady, New York. Please mention "LINN'S" or my name when you send him your covers. Don't put it off, send them right now.

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The TACA first flights (see last week's column) as well as the recent KLM flights and the forthcoming BWI flights are not FAMS, and consequently are not eligible for listing in that section of the catalogue. In all probabilities, they will be listed in the Souvenir Historical section, since that is the category in which they should fall. Don't forget, the flight is expected to take place on November 1st. Don't delay sending your orders to Inter-American Airways Agency any longer than necessary. The latest reports are that no extra covers will be flown, only those ordered before the flight.

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Here is the additional data on the first flight from Ripley, W. Va., on Monday, September 27, 1943. This community was added to pick-up route AM-49-A (Pittsburgh-Huntington) as a new pickup point between Spencer, W. Virginia, and Charleston, West Va. Covers are cancelled as follows—

Ripley, W. Va., (South) 4.

Ripley, W. V., (North) 12 m., or 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh, Pa., AMF into Ripley, W. Va. 10:30 a. m. (into Ripley from North.)

Spencer, W. Va., into Ripley 11:30 a. m. (into Ripley from North)

Charleston, W. Va., to Ripley 11:30 a. m. (into Ripley from South)

Huntington, W. Va., to Ripley, 2 p. m. (into Ripley from South)

Backstamps were applied to those covers addressed c/o general delivery at the cities involved as follows—

Ripley, W. Va., (from Pittsburgh, Spencer, and points North) September 27th, 4 p. m. Both hand and machine cancels.

Ripley, W. Va., (from Charleston, Huntington, and points South). The same.

Pittsburgh, Pa. (from Ropley) September 27, 1943, general delivery.

Charleston, W. Va., (from Ripley) September 27, 1943, general delivery.

The Pittsburgh and Charleston backstamps are the conventional general delivery backstamps, applied in magenta ink.

Huntington, W. Va., (from Ripley) September 27th, 2p. m.

Spencer, W. Va., (from Ripley) September 27, 4:30 p. m.

There were 3000 covers carried from Ripley on the northbound (4-p. m.) flight, and 1500 on the southbound (noon) flight. A description of the cachet appeared in this column on October 7th. The cachet was applied in red, magenta, purple, and blue ink, and, personally, I think it was applied sloppier than any other first flight cachet in recent years. In fact, I think the entire handling of covers at Ripley was done in a very poor manner. On the majority of my covers, the cancellations and cachets of Ripley are very illegible, while on a couple of the covers, either their cachet or backstamp was omitted. Why? I don't know any more than you do, but I'm trying to find out. Ripley also applied their cachet to inbound covers: also very unusual; and likewise a little messy.

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On October 1st, TWA added Phoenix, Ariz., to their trans-continental route AM-2. There were no cachets applied to these covers, and quite unlike the Ripley covers mentioned above, all of these cancellations are very clear and legible. Phoenix is a stop between Winslow, Ariz., and Los Angeles, Calif., (originally plans called for it to be added between Albuquerque, N. Mex. and Los Angeles). It was formerly the terminal of 9M-38, but when service on that route was temporarily discontinued last year, TWA had to stop its service to Phoenix, until it was added to AM-2 last week.

Covers are cancelled as follows:

Phoenix, Ariz., (West) to Los Angeles 3:30 p. m.

Phoenix, Ariz., (East) to Albuquerque, etc. 11:30 a. m.

Los Angeles Airmail Field R. P. O. (East) into Phoenix 9 a. m.

Albuquerque, N. M., A. M. F. R. P. O. into Phoenix TR-1.

The general delivery backstamps are—

Phoenix (from East) October 2 (machine cancel)

Phoenix (from West) October 1 (machine cancel.)

Los Angeles (from Phoenix) October 2 general delivery.

Albuquerque (from Phoenix) October 2, general delivery.

The Albuquerque and Los Angeles backstamps are the regular general delivery backstamps. Quantities of covers will appear later.

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Thanks to All-American Aviation Inc., for a special printed 1st flight cover from Ripley, also thanks for news to G. F. Lancaster, R. O. Bush, G. Kaufmann, W. C. Hensyl, and V. Feind.

"The State Revenooer"
Box 142
Paso Robles, California

Recently had the pleasure of spending a little time with three of the leaders in the State Revenue field, while on an officially sanctioned, and much needed vacation. They were—Frank Applegate of Medford, Oregon, Charles Hermann of Los Angeles and E. R. Vanderhoof of Long Beach. All three are fine gentlemen and true scholars. Much entertainment and information was derived from my visit with each of them. Thank you Frank, Charlie and Van.

—And now for some more new discoveries and new issues—

NEVADA Liquor. New colors of the 1935 set—2½c yellow-orange 5c deep pink, 6c yellow-green, 10c green and 24c orange.

NEW MEXICO Alcholic Liquor. The small set of 1937-38 has turned up with the value added in each corner. I have seen the ½c, 2½c and 12c red-orange. Have seen, also, a 16c that belongs in the 1937-38 set.

Malt beverage. Like L13 and 14, but reading "Malt Beverage;" 45 to 46 x 63 to 66mm—½c, 1½c, 6c, 7½c, 11c, 37½c and 75c. This is an old set, but most of the values were unknown until recently.

Cigarette. This is the State's first use of this type of tax—2c red and yellow decal, 12½x16¾ mm, on yellow safety card. The design has an irregular outline but incorporates the familiar symbolic sun of the state seal. Mr. Ambrose, of New Mexico, also reports a 50c decal which is used on cigars.

The recent decal design (value in each corner, state seal in center, fluted pillar at each side etc.) has appeared as follows—Malt-7½c, 11c and 15c black on yellow card: 38½x50mm: 11c black on pink, 39x49mm: 15c black on yellow card, 24x31mm. Wine—2½c, 3c 5c, 6c, 12c and 24c red on yellow card; 16x20½ mm. Liquor—1½c, 7½c, 12c, 15c and 24c light green on yellow card; 16x20½mm.

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The many hundreds of collectors of Christmas seals are going to have to confine their interests as far as new issues are concerned to the many interesting local charity, hospital and benefit seals issued by the local societies all over the country. There are around fifty different organizations that issue seals, usually once a year, and one or two of them occasionally. They come out along in the fall and already two have appeared, the Rock County, Ills, Child Health league and Southwestern Presbyterian Sanatorium at Albuquerque N. M. The latter which just arrived is of the same design as the two previous issues only smaller, the size of the ordinery postage stamp. It is a tuberculosis seal and shows a child holding a large heart on which is a map of New Mexico "In the heart of the health country." Earlier issues for 1943 seals came from Cripple Children and Eudowood hospital on Easter.

The Foreign Seals

Not many new foreign seals appeared for last year. The most interesting was Finland which got through the war zone via Sweden, getting here in July; Argentine Republic, Venezuela, Cuba, India, Union of South Africa, Canada. It is believed that seals were issued in Norway, Sweden and Denmark, but did not get through the war lines. The prosepcts for the coming fall are very remote.

Have a very interesting error in cutting of the Canadian 1928 imperforated seal. Evidently the sheet slipped down a seal in the cutting and there is no slogan or corner seal on the top row, but two on the bottom row, one the regular, and the other from the top row of the adjoining sheet.

The new National Tuberculosis seals this year are of a striking design. They show a child looking out a window at Santa with a single reindeer and sled coming on a cloud. The usual appearance of the seal is the beveled appearing borders, the top yellow, right side blue, bottom dark blue and left side red. The seals in sheet form show the contrasting borders coming together, and will make a lot of ideas for block collectors. They are to be sent out on Thanksgiving day though advance prints and advertising for them have been shown.

POST CHANGES SPELLING

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CONCERNING VARIETIES IN THE FLAG STAMPS

In the first place let it be said that the remarks made here are merely the opinion of the Editor of this publication. Anyone and everyone has a perfect right to think or believe otherwise as they choose. I am so often asked for advice or opinion that I do not hesitate to speak my opinion on these stamps and my opinion is backed up by nearly fifty years of active interest as a stamp collector, dealer and publisher. Those who are in doubt as to these so called varieties are welcome to follow their own ideas while those who care for the advice of others are welcome to the suggestions and information I am able to give.

We have of course printed quite a bit concerning small specks of color, marks or lines across words in the name of the country, color scratches or extra lines of color on some of the flags and lastly the one and only real worth while variety that we have seen, that of the double printing of the word Norway on the stamp bearing the Norwegian flag.

We print this material because we know that a lot of collectors have a lot of fun looking for these things. The fact that we print the matter does not mean that we recognize the varieties mentioned as worthy of collecting. It is surprising what a large number of collectors there are who are wholly unfamiliar with printing methods and thus are apt to classify as a variety some minor printing defect which is by no means a vairety. As an example of this, several years ago a gentleman in Georgia sent us several beautifully mounted album pages, each carefully lettered and calling attention to varieties in the 4c stamps of the Washington Bicentennial series. This man had spent many hours of time on preparing these pages and his work showed his great desire and interest in the finer points of stamp collecting, yet the whole lot of material indicated a complete lack of knowledge of printing methods and it was a hard job on my part to write the gentlemen a letter and tell him that he really had nothing at all and that his entire time and effort had been wasted for the varieties he was showing were not plate varieties but incidental to the printing and were not constant on the stamps and might show up on one sheet, not show on the next several and again come on several sheets one after another.

The varieties were merely due to inking of the engraved plates and were a variety that happens frequently on any engraved stamp.

The supposed variety was small spots of white of various sizes and shapes in the solid brown oval ground which surrounded the figure 4 on the stamps. This solid ground is the recess in the plate. When the ink is wiped from the plate before printing sometimes not enough is left in the recess to cover the paper where it contacts and thus a small white spot may show. The next sheet printed may have enough ink in the recess and the white spot will not show.

It is generally believed despite all claims as to secret methods that these flag stamps, that is the flags on them are lithographed. My opinion would be that the lithographing is the modern offset method.

This method of lithographing as well as the old orgiinal stone method permits of many small defects in the way of color specks, scratches and the like. One such spot or mark may appear on a few sheets and then eliminate itself, later another spot or mark may come in about the same position on the same stamp. These are mostly very minute and only stamp collectors would see them. They can come from slight defects in the original transfers or from scratches and might not be noticed in commercial lithographic work, but when the stamp collector gets his glass on these sheets, we see things that even the printers would never give a second thought.

The point I want to make it that the greater part of all of these little specks and scratches are not worth the time and effort and leastwise any amount of cash for their gathering. It is true that one can have a lot of fun and doubtless make up many pages for an album or a display that will interest other collectors, but actual facts as regard such varieties are that they are endless in number, of no great consequence as philatelic varieties and that any considerable sum of money spent on such pieces will not come back in future years for the principal and sole reason that most of these varieties are merely printing eccentricities which ordinarily do not constitute and are not recognized by students as varieties of interest or worth considering.

Bear in mind that these remarks are merely my opinion. You can do as you please about them but I have seen so many things of this nature on which collectors have spent time and money, and which are never given a second thought by experienced philatelists.

INTERNEES GRANTED FRANK

Argentina has just granted war internees free postage, under the rules established by the Universal Postal Union.

—H. G. Spanton.

Fiji 1943 silver and brass coins bear an "S" mint mark, and are believed to have been minted in San Francisco.

GUATEMALAN ERROR FOUND

David Lidman, in the Chicago Sun of October 10, reports the discovery of several Guatemalan 1928 surcharged airmails showing an error in the date—1923 instead of 1928.

Australia was given a mandate over German New Guinea in 1921.

New Surcharge Is Used As Telegraph Local For North African Yanks

A war oddity is an Algerian postage stamp which has been surcharged by the United States Army in North Africa for use in forwarding soldiers' stock telegraph messages to central dispatching offices.

The overprint is in black ink, and changes the face value of Algeria No. 100 from $1.75 francs to 30 frs. "E. F. M." is the abbreviation of "Expeditionary Force Messages", as the standard texts are called.

Few collectors have been able to obtain the stamps as clerks have been ordered to sell them only to army officers detailed to handle soldiers' telegrams. Each stamp must be affixed and canceled in the clerk's presence. After the messages are radioed to the United States the stamps are supposedly destroyed.

The canned wires are the type which were used before the war for Christmas, birthday, Father's day, etc., greetings. Soldiers use them as the quickest way of communicating with relatives at home. Cost is 60c per telegram, or 30 frs. in Algerian currency. The service is rationed at the rate of one message per forty men per week.

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CHANGE IN ARMY CANCEL

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—Adam Gruenig

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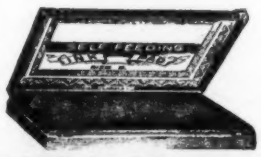

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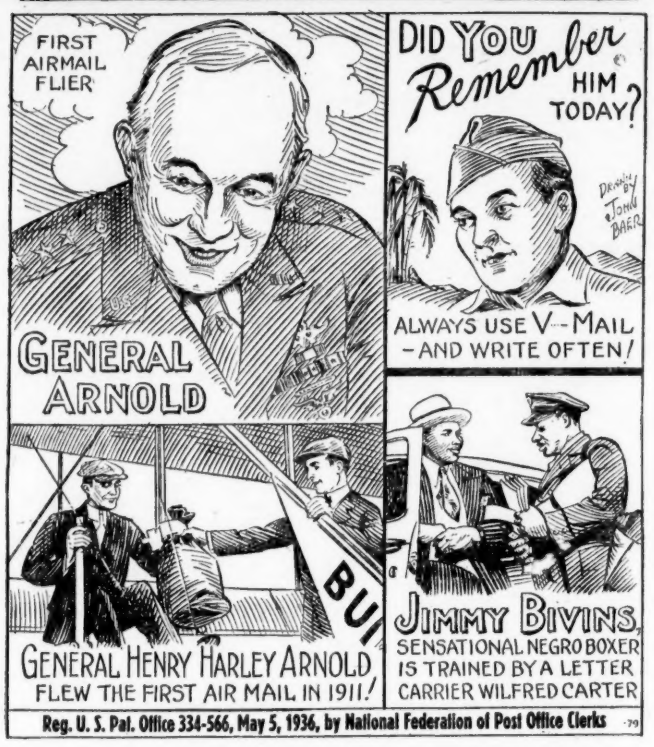

General Arnold, in command of our armed forces in Africa and Sicily, was the first air mail flier. In a civilian meet on Long Island in the fall of 1911, Arnold flew a bag of mail five miles—an historic "first." On June 1, 1912, he set a new world altitude record of 6,540 feet. Later, for making a flight which proved the military value of air reconnaissance, he won the first Mackay Trophy ever awarded.

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stamp is printed in red on unwatermarked paper, and has a face value of 1.50 fr.
—E. P. Verdonck.

ARGENTINA—A 5c green, commemorative for the house of Independence at Tucuman, has just been received via air mail. First day of issue was Sept. 24th, and special cancel was applied only at Tucuman. The

Argentine Declaration of Independence was signed there. Printing was done at the national mint by lithography and 20 million were issued. Central design shows front of the house.
—H. G. Spanton

BRAZIL—A single air mail was issued on August 14th to commemorate the Second Conference of Inter-American Lawyers. Value is $1.20 cr. and is printed in a pale rose and lavender shade. The stamp is perf. 12½ and was printed on un-

watermarked gummed guarantee paper by the offset process. There were 1 million copies issued. An open book and inkwell and pen are pictured in the center of the stamp.
—J. & H. Stolow

COSTA RICA—A series of 12 commemorative postage and air mail stamps were issued last month to honor past presidents of Costa Rica. In the postage set there are 5 stamps; 2c gray, Bruno Carranzo; 1870; 5c green, Manuel Aguilar, 1837; 50c purple, Francisco Maria Oreamuno, 1844; 1C black-brown, Jose Marie Castro, 1847; and 2C orange, Juan Rafael Mora, 1849. There are 7 air mails, as follows: 60c deep blue, same as 50c postage; 65c orange-red, same as 1C postage; 85c dull red-orange, same as 2C postage; 1C gray, Juan Maria Montealegre, 1859; 1C 15 brown, Jesus Jiminez, 1863; 1C 40 purple, same as 2c postage; and 2C black, Tomas Guardia, 1870. The stamps are similar in design to Scott's No. A109.
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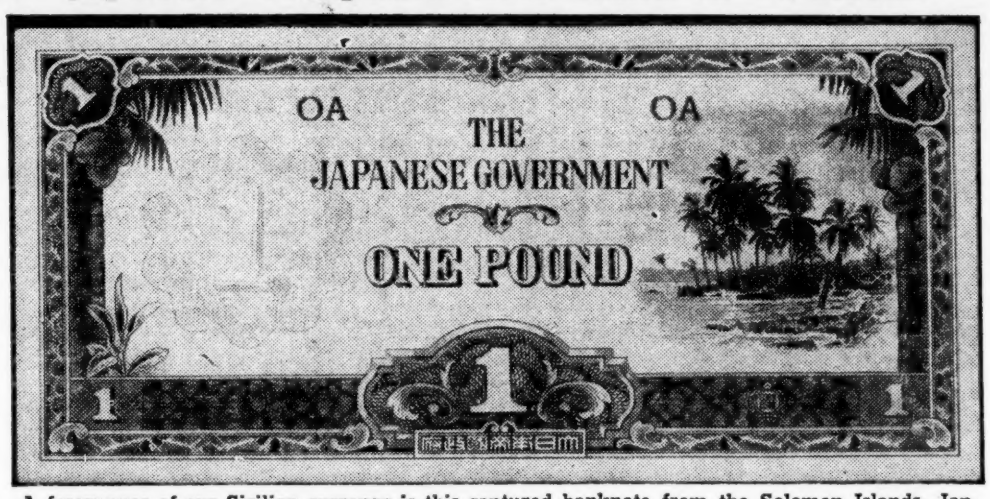
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—A new 10c air mail in red violet. The design, long and horizontal features a large plane in flight in the center, with the value in small letters in the upper portion. Side panels have a design and the words "Correo Aereo."
—N. Y. Sun

ECUADOR—A 50c fiscal tax stamp has been converted to postage duty through the means of a surcharge. The 50c brown

has been surcharged in black "POSTAL 30 Centavos," in three lines. Also a heavy black line on top and a narrow one on the bottom.
—K. Fatoullah

GRENADA—A war printing of all but two of the 1938-41 postage series has just been received, ½d to 10sh. Values not seen as yet are 2½ and 3d.

Japanese Occupation Note Taken In Solomons



A forerunner of our Sicilian currency is this captured banknote from the Solomon Islands. Japanese there had occupation money prepared in pound and shilling denominations. (Illustrated through the courtesy of Comdr. H. R. Carson jr.)

Chicago Stamp Group Has 10th Anniversary

Celebrating 10 years of uninterrupted twice-a-month meetings, the Roosevelt Philatelic Society is inviting all stamp collectors in the Chicago area to a general celebration in its club rooms at Grand Crossing Park Fieldhouse, 77th and Ingelside, on October 30 and 31.

A 100-frame exhibition is scheduled, along with a special souvenir sheet for all attending the meeting.

The Nov. 4th meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society will feature the annual quiz contest between that group and the Austin Philatelic club. CPS meets at the Hotel Atlantic, Clark st., between Jackson and Van Buren.

Lantern slides featuring a complete collection of U. S. commemoratives will highlight the Oct. 29 meeting of Garfield-Perry Stamp club, at Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland.

October 26 will be Jugoslav night at Cleveland Stamp Club. J. W. Mally, Jugoslav consul of Cleveland, will speak.

George Scudder will be guest speaker at the October 28 meeting of North Hudson Philatelic Society, at Frank's Hall, 62nd and Broadway, West New York, N. Y. His subject will be "Chinese Covers."

This year's convention of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society will be held November 6 and 7 at the Biltmore hotel, Oklahoma City.

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The annual Hallowe'en party of the California Collectors Club of S. F. will be held on Friday October 29 at 8 p. m. at the Hotel Whitcome, S. F. The usual refreshments and Hallowe'en fun for all including a big Bingo game with prizes, lots of them, is planned for this evening. We will have our old stand-by swap session and the sales circuit and mint stamp dep't. with the latest of the Overrun Nations stamps at face value will be there for those who wish to keep up with them. Visitors are cordially invited to attend this and all meetings of the Friendly Stamp club.

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To begin with, the name on the wrapper was marked out with red pencil. In the upper right corner is a deep purple rubber stamp impression reading: "August 16, 194-. Killed in Action." The name of the officer, a second Lt., follows.

In the lower center is a typewritten strip of paper, bearing the following message: "Killed in Action. Return to Sender without charge by authority of the Third Assistant Postmaster General." This is also signed by an officer. They evidently did not have any paste in this office, as the strip was held in place by a covering of strips of transparent tape.

In the upper right corner is a slip of paper, 2 inches square, pasted down, bearing the following message: "Headquarters Alaska Defense Command, c/o P. M. Seattle, Wash.—Verified—Killed in Action—Arthur H. Black, Major A. G. D. Ass't Adjudant General." It also bears a rubber stamp imprint, a hand with the finger pointing to the return address. This makes an interesting document of the second World war. —Adam Gruenig

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Bradie Buchanan, Old Time Dealer, Visits In Mexico

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However, his stock is being added to constantly and in later years he will blossom forth again in the columns of the Philatelic Press.

Mr. Buchanan tells of a visit to Mexico last March, the story is interesting because of the wonderful trip at such small cost. At that time, Mexican dollars were selling at about 21c American money and one could live like a prince on a comparatively small sum. Mr. Buchanan invested in some of the stamps at the Mexico City Post Office and picked up other material which will enrich his stock in future years.

His tale of low costs for food, lodging and transportation in the capital of our southern neighbors makes one yearn for an opportunity to visit there.

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Four plates for the 3c Win the War stamp, all 400 subject plates for sheets, plates number 23073-4-5-6.

Plates sent to press during September consist of four different plates. These may appear at any time altho it is well known to collectors that in some instances many months may elapse after a plate is printed from, before the stamps are placed in circulation.

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— By JACK GOLDSTEIN —

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Edwin E. Elkins received a special citation from the United States Treasury Department for his efforts in the Third War Loan drive. During his vacation he visited various Industries and Movie Theatres enabling him to run up an amount of $30,000.00 in popular subscriptions. One big canyon dealer signed up for a $1000 bond. I often wonder where Edwin gets all the energy to be around to every important philatelic meeting and still have time for his personal collection.

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